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Charles L. A. Terreni
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: **Request of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G") for Approval of Contract for Electric Service with Shaw Industries Group, Inc.**
Docket No. 2008-349-E

Dear Mr. Terreni:

This is to acknowledge that the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed the above referenced filing and has no objection to the proposed electric service contract between SCE&G and Shaw Industries Group, Inc. ("Shaw Industries"). Shaw Industries' facilities are located in Columbia, South Carolina where it manufactures nylon fiber for the carpet industry.

This contract was executed under SCE&G's economic development program. SCE&G entered into this agreement to retain the load being served at this facility as well as to serve the planned expansion which is projected to create 350 new jobs over the next five years.

If the Commission is inclined to grant this request, ORS would recommend including a provision in the order requiring SCE&G to track any resulting foregone revenue and reserve the appropriate ratemaking treatment related to any such foregone revenue for a future rate proceeding or review as determined by the Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments in this matter.

Sincerely yours,


John W. Flitter

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